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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ara HOVANESSIAN et al.

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For: A NOVEL CELL SURFACE
RECEPTOR FOR HIV
RETROVIRUSES, THERAPEUTIC
AND DIAGNOSTIC USES

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper is offered as a reply to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001. The time to reply to the Office Action has been extended by the concurrent filing of a two-month extension of time. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 64, line 12, please delete heading "Figures" and insert therefor the heading --Brief Description of the Drawings--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 23 as follows:

2. (Amended) A peptidic or non peptidic inhibitor molecule that is able to alter and/or prevent the interaction between a receptor located on the surface of an HIV

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